# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
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Expenditure Incurred on National Museum
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the expenditure incurred on the National Museum in New Delhi during the last five years;

(b) the details of any new acquisitions in historical artefacts during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of artefacts on display in the museum and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to repatriate artefacts currently housed in museums abroad, specifically the British Museum and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) Whether the Government plans to borrow these artefacts temporarily from foreign museums if the repatriation of those artefacts are not possible and if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)The details of expenditure incurred on the National Museum in New Delhi during the last five years are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Plan | Non-plan |
|---|---|---|
| 2011-12 | 782.74 | 789.94 |
| 2012-13 | 882.44 | 874.68 |
| 2013-14 | 1123.70 | 939.18 |
| 2014-15 | 2002.55 | 1006.47 |
| 2015-16 | 2125.69 | 1030.81 |

(b) There has been no new acquisition in historical artefacts during the last five years. However, one Manuscript has been received by National Museum as gift in the year 2016 and another Art object titled Yogni, which was smuggled out of India, was brought back in 2013 from Paris (France).

(c) At present National Museum has 2,06,169 objects out of which 9347 are on display. Objects are displayed as per theme significance and available space in the museum and from time to time artefacts are replaced from reserved store.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India retrieves antiquities from foreign countries, which are exported in violation of Antiquities and Art Treasure Act, 1972. Till date 28 antiquities have been retrieved from various foreign countries. Presently there is no proposal with the Archaeological Survey of India for retrieval of the artefacts from British Museum, London.

(e) The National Museum has planned to organize an international exhibition entitled "India and the world" for which 150 original artefacts will be temporarily loaned from the British Museum, London. The exhibition will be jointly organized by the National Museum, New Delhi, CSMVS, Mumbai and British Museum, London.

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